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AMEMBASSY JEDDA  
AMEMBASSY KABUL IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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E.O. 12065 GDS 09/24/87 (HIRSCH, JOHN) DR-P  
TAGS: PEPR, SOPN, EG, US, XD

SUBJECT: (C) GDP CONCERN OVER SADAT COMMENTS ON ARMS  
FOR MUJAHIDEEN

REF: (A) STATE 254479 (B) STATE 254629

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN COURSE OF VISIT BY POLCOUNSELOR TO MFA SEPTEMBER 24  
P.M. ON OTHER MATTERS, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AFGHANISTAN  
ZAHID SAEED ASKED FOR TRANSCRIPT OF SADAT'S NBC INTER-  
VIEW ON EGYPTIAN ASSISTANCE TO U.S. FOR PROVISION OF  
ARMS TO AFGHAN REBELS, AND FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S  
COMMENT. SAEED ONLY HAD INCOMPLETE URDU SUMMARY OF  
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SADAT'S REMARKS. WE PROVIDED HIM WITH RELEVANT  
EXCERPTS OF SADAT INTERVIEW AND FULL TEXT OF SPOKESMAN'S  
EXCHANGE WITH PRESS CORPS AS PER REFTELS, HIGHLIGHTING  
THAT SPOKESMAN'S "NO COMMENT" APPROACH WAS SET  
FORTH AS CONSISTENT DEPARTMENT POLICY ON STATEMENTS OF  
THIS KIND.

3. SAEED, WHO INITIALLY WAS QUITE DISTURBED THAT  
SADAT HAD ADDRESSED THE ISSUE AT ALL, BECAME MORE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDO/MR

REVIEWED BY BUB DATE 8/21/89

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RELAXED WHEN HE SAW THAT SADAT HAD MADE NO SPECIFIC  
MENTION OF PAKISTAN. AT SAME TIME, HE INDICATED CONCERN  
THAT SADAT'S REMARKS WOULD BE PICKED UP BY SOVIETS AND  
OTHERS TO EXERT PRESSURE ON PAKISTAN.

4. MFA IS NOW AT WORK ON PREPARING CONTINGENCY  
RESPONSE, ANTICIPATING THAT INTERNATIONAL MEDIA WILL  
ASK FOR GOP REACTION. GOP PROBABLY ALSO WILL TAKE  
"NO COMMENT" LINE.KING

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